

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9004

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Madison County on the occasion of its bicentennial.

WHEREAS, we take great pleasure in joining with the cities and counties that comprise this great State in celebrating joyous and historic occasions; and

WHEREAS, bountiful and beautiful Madison County and its citizens are most assuredly deserving of special recognition as they celebrate the bicentennial anniversary of the county's founding this year; and

WHEREAS, the area that became Madison County was originally occupied by members of the Chickasaw tribe. Pursuant to a treaty negotiated in part by General Andrew Jackson, the land became occupied by settlers from the eastern United States; and

WHEREAS, Madison County was formed by an act of the General Assembly on November 6, 1821. The county seat was the town of Alexandria, renamed Jackson in 1822; and

WHEREAS, the Forked Deer River was the initial primary transportation artery for the area. Rail transportation, which began with the 1848 chartering of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad and was led over the years by Judge Milton Brown and Isaac Tigrett, became important to the growth of the area; and

WHEREAS, legendary railroad engineer Casey Jones of Jackson gained nationwide fame following his tragic death in 1900. Interstate 40 now passes through Madison County, and the McKellar-Sipes Airport provides aerial transportation to area residents; and

WHEREAS, Madison County offers a wide variety of educational benefits. It is the longtime home of Union University, Lane College, the University of Memphis-Lambuth campus, and Jackson State Community College; and

WHEREAS, Madison County now features a diversified industrial and commercial base in addition to its long history of agricultural production; and

WHEREAS, Madison County has been the home of many famous Americans, including such recording artists as Sonny Boy Williamson, Big Maybell, Carl Perkins, W.S. Holland, and Denise LaSalle; political figures such as Justice Howell E. Jackson and Sue Shelton White; and sports figures such as Ed "Too" Tall Jones and Ellis Kinder; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the accomplishments of Madison County and is grateful for the positive impact the county has on the State's economy and the special place it has won in the hearts of its citizens and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, Madison County is one of the great counties in Tennessee, and it is most appropriate that we honor this fine community and its citizenry as they commemorate this significant milestone in their historic existence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the citizens of Madison County upon the celebration of the county's bicentennial and extend to them our best wishes for continued success, growth, and prosperity in their outstanding community, which is a true Tennessee treasure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.